
HOUSE BILL 1866

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1 AN ACT Relating to aeronautics; amending RCW 47.68.340; adding a
2 new section to chapter 47.68 RCW; and repealing RCW 47.68.370.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.68 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The aviation division is responsible for the conduct and management
7 of all aerial search and rescue within the state. This includes search
8 and rescue efforts involving aircraft and airships. The division is
9 also responsible for search and rescue activities involving electronic
10 emergency signaling devices such as emergency locator transmitters
11 (ELT's) and emergency position indicating radio beacons (EPIRB's).

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.68.340 and 1984 c 7 s 361 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 A structure or obstacle that obstructs the air space above ground
15 or water level, when determined by the department after a hearing to be
16 a hazard or potential hazard to the safe flight of aircraft, shall be
17 plainly marked, illuminated, painted, lighted, or designated in a
18 manner to be approved in accordance with the general rules of the

1 department so that the structure or obstacle will be clearly visible to
2 airmen. In determining which structures or obstacles constitute ((or
3 may become)) a safety hazard, or a hazard to ((air)) flight, the
4 department shall take into account ((only)) those obstacles located at
5 a river, lake, ((and)) or canyon crossing((s)), and in other low-
6 altitude flight paths usually traveled by aircraft including, but not
7 limited to, airport areas and runway departure and approach areas as
8 defined by federal air regulations.

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RCW 47.68.370 and 1984 c 7 s 363 & 1975-'76
10 2nd ex.s. c 73 s 1 are each repealed.

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